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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV NOTE CONCERNING JUNE 23 BOMBING OF

-- YUGOSLAV UN MISSION

REF:

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A NOTE CONCERNING THE BOMBING OF
THE YUGOSLAV MISSION TO THE UN WHICH YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR
GRANFIL HANDED UNDER SECRETARY SISCO JUNE 24:

BEGIN TEXT THE EMBASSY OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUB-
LIC OF YUGOSLAVIA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPART-
MENT OF STATE AND HAS THE HONOR TO LODGE A MOST ENERGETIC
PROTEST REGARDING A GRAVE TERRORIST ACT OF BOMBING EARLY
THIS MORNING OF THE PREMISES OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF
THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED
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NATIONS IN NEW YORK AND THE TOTALLY INADEQUATE PROTECTION
BY THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES OF THE HOST COUNTRY, DESPITE
REPEATED REQUESTS OF THE MISSION, TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE
PROTECTION.

-- AS IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, THE BOMBING, WHICH WAS THE MOST SERIOUS TERRORIST ACT AGAINST A YUGOSLAV MISSION

IN THE UNITED STATES AFTER A SERIES OF SIMILAR BOMBINGS OF THE YUGOSLAV EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND SEVERAL CONSULATE GENERAL IN 1967, HAS CAUSED A SEVERE DAMAGE TO THE PREMISES OF THE MISSION, PARTICULARLY TO THE FACADE OF THE BUILDING, BREAKING MOST OF THE WINDOWS AND CAUSING THE DAMAGE INSIDE THE BUILDING ITSELF.

-- THIS TERRORIST ACT TOOK PLACE FOLLOWING NUMEROUS THREATS AND HARASSEMENTS AGAINST THE PERSONNEL OF YUGOSLAV MISSIONS IN THE UNITED STATES. THESE HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, PARTICULARLY AFTER THE BRUTAL TERRORIST ASSAULT ON THE YUGOSLAV CONSUL GENERAL IN NEW YORK, DR. MILAN BULAJIC AND HIS WIFE ON MAY 3, 1975 IN NEW YORK BY A GROUP OF YUGOSLAV EMIGRE EXTREMISTS (EMBASSY'S NOTE K. NO. 17 DATED MAY 14, 1975) AND AN ATTEMPT OF TWO ARMED INDIVIDUALS ON MAY 14, 1975 TO PENETRATE FORCIBLY INTO THE BUILDING OF THE YUGOSLAV UN MISSION (NOTE OF THE YUGOSLAV MISSION TO THE UN NO. 747/75 DATED MAY 15, 1975, ADDRESSED TO THE US MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK). THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES, HOWEVER, FAILED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PROTECTION, ESTABLISH THE IDENTITY OF THE CULPRITS AND BRING THEM TO JUSTICE.

-- THE EMBASSY EXPRESSES SERIOUS CONCERN THAT THE RECURRENCE OF EVER ESCALATING CRIMINAL ATTACKS WILL CONTINUE UNLESS THE INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS OF EXTREMISTS, KNOWN BY THEIR ANTI-YUGOSLAV ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITES STATES, ARE THWARTED IN THEIR TERRORIST ACTIONS AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES AS WELL AS ADEQUATE PROTECTION OF THE YUGOSLAV MISSIONS IN THE UNITED STATES ARE PROVIDED.

-- THE EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES PURSUE ENERGETIC AND THOROUGH INVESTIGATION IN CONNECTION UNCLASSIFIED

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WITH THE BOMBING OF THE YUGOSLAV MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS, FIND THE PERPETRATORS OF THIS CRIMINAL ACT AND BRING THEM TO JUSTICE. THE EMBASSY IS CONVINCED THAT THE APPLICATION OF ADEQUATE MEASURES OF PROTECTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL NORMS AND OBLIGATIONS, TO THE YUGOSLAV DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR MISSIONS IN THE UNITED STATES, CAN PREVENT THE RECURRENCE OF THESE ATTACKS . THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION AND MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST THE CULPRITS.

-- THE EMBASSY OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE THE ASSURANCE OF ITS HIGHEST CON-
SIDERATION.

-- WASHINGTON, D. C., JUNE 23, 1975

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